

# 11. EPHESIANS

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## Chapter 1

Eph. 1:1 Sha'ul, an ambassador  
of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,  
by the determination of **YAHWEH**,  
to the set apart ones who are in Ephesus,  
and faithful to The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**.

Sha'ul means requested.

Ephesus means full purposed.

Eph. 1:2 Favor to you and complete well being  
from **YAHWEH**, our Father,  
and The Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

Eph. 1:3 Blessed *be* The Elohim and Father  
of our Master **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,  
Who has blessed us with every supernatural blessing  
in The Heavens by means of The Messiah,  
Eph. 1:4 inasmuch as He selected us in Him  
before the foundation of the world.

We are existing as set apart  
and without a flaw or a blot in His presence  
because of love;

In the following verses

a slightly unique structure has been adopted  
in an attempt to help clarify Paul's comments.

The ideas tend to run together

in a long "monologue".

It can be a bit overwhelming.

It's been separated into segments

to help grasp what's here.

Eph. 1:5 a) having marked us out in advance  
for placement as children to Himself  
because of **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,  
according to the delight of His purpose,  
Eph. 1:6 to the praise of the honor of His favor,  
by which He has honored us with The Beloved.

Eph. 1:7 b) In Him we have redemption  
through His blood,  
the forgiveness of the unfaithful acts  
according to the riches of His favor

**paraptoma** - a side-slip,

i.e. error or (willful) unfaithful act.

Eph. 1:8 which He has made to abound toward us  
in all wisdom and understanding,

Eph. 1:9 c) having made known to us  
the mystery of His purpose

according to His satisfaction

which He has exhibited in Him

Eph. 1:10 in order that in the dispensation  
of the fullness of the times

He might sum up everything in The Messiah,

even that which *is* in The Heaven

and that which *is* upon the earth;

Eph. 1:11d) by Him in Whom even we

have obtained an inheritance,

having been marked out in advance

according to the setting forth of Him

Who works all things

according to the counsel of His own determination,

Eph. 1:12 e) in order that we

who first trusted in The Messiah

might be to the praise of His honor;

Eph. 1:13 f) In Whom you also

have heard the word of truth,

the good news of your deliverance

and in which you have trusted.

You have been sealed with

The Set Apart Divine Nature of the promise,

Tradition translates this using "Holy Spirit".

The literal rendering of the Greek

is "sacred breath".

"Holy Spirit" is used  
to affirm the concept of the "trinity".

**However, Scripture  
does not support this concept.  
There is no trinity.**

There are several problems  
with the concept of 'spirit'.  
It was never found in Hebrew thought.  
It is a Greek invention,  
and likely did not appear  
prior to the writing of the Scriptures.

In Hebrew thought the breath  
was viewed as "the wind of man  
which flowed in and out of his body.  
It was thought to represent  
his "inner nature", his character.

In The New Covenant we are confronted  
with the concept of the "new birth",  
also referred to as the "new man".

In truth what this represents  
is the indwelling presence  
of The Divine Nature.

It is this new nature that was promised.  
And it is this new nature, The Divine Nature,  
by which we can be sealed  
- certified as genuine  
- as believers in The Messiah.

Eph. 1:14 which is the earnest money deposit  
of our inheritance  
for the sake of the redemption  
of the purchased possession  
unto the praise of His honor.

Eph. 1:15 Because of this I also,  
having heard of your trust  
in The Master, **YAHUSHUA**,  
and your love toward all the set apart ones,  
Eph. 1:16 do not stop giving thanks over you,  
making mention of you in my prayers,  
Eph. 1:17 in order that The Elohim of our Master,  
**YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah, The Father of the honor,  
might give to you The Divine Nature  
of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,  
Eph. 1:18 the eyes of your mind being illuminated,  
so that you might understand  
what is the anticipation of His invitation  
and what is the wealth of the magnificence  
of His inheritance among the set apart ones, and  
Eph. 1:19 what is the surpassing magnitude  
of His miraculous power toward us who are trusting  
according to the effectiveness of His vigorous strength  
Eph. 1:20 which He actively demonstrated in The Messiah  
when He raised Him up from being dead  
and placed Him at His right hand in The Heavens,  
Eph. 1:21 far above  
every first thing,  
and every privilege,  
and every force,  
and every authority,  
and every name that is being named,  
not only in this age but also in that which is to come,

A name in Hebrew thought  
represents the person himself  
and his authority.

It's an extremely important concept.

Eph. 1:22 and has subordinated everything under His feet,  
and has given Him as The Head  
over the entire assembly  
**ekklesia** – translated as church

- improperly.

"Church" is a much later designation  
that did not exist  
in the ideas of early Hebrew  
belief, language, or culture.

Eph. 1:23 which exists as His body,  
the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

## Chapter 2

Eph. 2:1 And you are dead to the errors and the offenses

"Sin" is an offense against YAHWEH.

It's a refusal to follow His teachings.

Eph. 2:2 in which you formerly walked  
according to this worldly age,  
according to the chief ruler of the authority of the air,  
the *human* nature which is now working  
in the children of disbelief,

*aer* – air. From a root meaning  
to breathe unconsciously; respire.

This appears to be a reference  
to one's ability to breathe;  
hence, the ability to continue to live  
– the power over death  
– which has been defeated by The Messiah.

Eph. 2:3 among whom we also all formerly lived  
in the longings of our flesh,  
doing the choices of the flesh and of the mind,  
and were by nature children of wrath even like the rest.

Eph. 2:4 Now YAHWEH, Who is abundant in compassion  
because of His great love with which He loves us,

Eph. 2:5 even when we were dead because of the errors,  
has made us alive together with The Messiah  
(by *divine* favor you have been delivered),

Eph. 2:6 and has raised us up together  
and made us sit together in The Heavens  
with The Messiah, YAHUSHUA,

Eph. 2:7 in order that in the ages *yet* to occur  
He might show the exceeding abundance of His favor  
by means of His goodness concerning us  
through The Messiah, YAHUSHUA,

Eph. 2:8 because by favor  
you have been delivered, through trust,  
and that *is* not of yourselves.

The gift is of YAHWEH,

Eph. 2:9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Eph. 2:10 Indeed, we are His workmanship,  
created in The Messiah, YAHUSHUA, for good works,  
which YAHWEH prepared in advance  
in order that we might walk in them.

Eph. 2:11 Consequently remember  
that you at one time were pagans in the flesh  
who are called uncircumcision  
by what is called "The Circumcision"  
made in the flesh by hands

Eph. 2:12 because at that time  
you were apart from The Messiah,  
being alienated from the citizenship of Yisra'el,  
even foreigners to the covenants of The Promise,  
having no hope, and atheists in the world.

Eph. 2:13 But now in The Messiah, YAHUSHUA,  
you who once were far off have been brought near  
by means of the blood of The Messiah.

Eph. 2:14 Indeed, He Himself is our peace,  
Who has made the two as one  
and has removed the partition,  
the wall between us.

Eph. 2:15 having rendered useless through His flesh  
the hostility,

The Torah of instructions *contained* in the dogma,  
in order to create by Himself  
one new humanity *from* the two,  
*thus* making peace,  
Eph. 2:16 even that He might reconcile  
them both to **YAHWEH**  
into one body through the torture stake,  
thereby putting to death the hostility.

The hostility is created  
by rebellion against His word.

This results in a decree being set against us  
– a decree of eternal death  
– because we have rejected His Word.

The torture stake,  
whereupon The Messiah was put to death,  
acted as the means  
by which the hostility of the decree  
that required we must die  
because of our rebellion and disbelief  
was, once and forever, put to death!

It's DEAD!  
It no longer has authority over believers!

Eph. 2:17 And He came.  
And He proclaimed good news, complete well being,  
to you who were far off and to those who were near,  
Eph. 2:18 because through Him we both have access  
through one Divine Nature to The Father.

Eph. 2:19 Truly now, you are no longer foreigners  
and illegal aliens,  
but rather fellow citizens with the set apart ones,  
and relatives of **YAHWEH**,  
Eph. 2:20 having been built upon the foundation  
of the ambassadors and prophets,  
**YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah, Himself  
being the chief *cornerstone*,  
Eph. 2:21 by whom the entire structure,  
being tightly joined together,  
grows into a sacred temple  
by means of The Master;  
Eph. 2:22 in whom you also are being constructed  
into a dwelling place of **YAHWEH**  
by means of The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**.

### Chapter 3

Eph. 3:1 For this reason I, Sha'ul,  
am the prisoner of The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**,  
for the sake of you, the pagans,  
Eph. 3:2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship  
of the favor of **YAHWEH**  
which was given to me for you,  
Eph. 3:3 because according to a direct revelation  
He made known to me the mystery,  
even as I have briefly written previously.

Galatians gives a detailed account  
of Sha'ul's education.  
He was not taught by human beings,  
but was directly instructed  
by The Risen Messiah - Divine teaching.

No other "apostle" has had this kind of teaching.  
The rest were all taught  
while YAHUSHUA was living among them.

After the resurrection certain things changed  
- dramatically.

Likewise, Sha'ul's "gospel"  
is different than that of other "apostles"  
in some regards because there is now  
some additional information made available  
that could not be revealed  
prior to the death and resurrection of The Messiah.

Sha'ul is revealing part of that message in this letter.

Eph. 3:4 Because you have read this  
you are able to understand  
my comprehension of the mystery of The Messiah,  
Eph. 3:5 which in other generations  
was not made known to the children of human beings  
as it has now been revealed  
to His set apart ambassadors and prophets  
through The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,  
Eph. 3:6 that the Gentiles will be joint heirs  
and of the same body,  
and joint partakers of His promise in The Messiah  
through the good news  
Eph. 3:7 of which I have become a minister  
according to the gift of the favor of **YAHWEH**,  
having been given to me  
according to the effectiveness of His miraculous power.

Eph. 3:8 To me who am less than the least  
of all the set apart ones, this favor was granted,  
that I should proclaim among the Gentiles  
the unsearchable riches of The Messiah,  
Eph. 3:9 and to illuminate for everyone  
what is the partnership of the mystery  
which from eternity *past*  
has been concealed by **YAHWEH**,  
Who created everything  
through **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah;  
Eph. 3:10 in order that now the many variations  
of the wisdom of **YAHWEH**  
might be made known through the assembly  
to the chief rulers and authorities in The Heavens  
It's not clear what this truly refers to,  
but it's generally thought to mean  
the divine beings in The Heavenly realms.

Eph. 3:11 according to the eternal proposal  
which He accomplished in The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**,  
our Master,

Eph. 3:12 by whom we have boldness  
and access in confidence  
because of His faith.

The Greek reads literally  
as it is put here,  
though many "translations"  
redirect the thought to involve *our faith*,  
rather than His faith.

We have boldness and access, in confidence,  
because **YAHUSHUA** had faith in His Father  
that enabled Him to endure  
all that He endured on our behalf.

He had faith that The Father  
would do exactly as He had promised.

Thus our faith is only possible  
because of His faith.  
And our faith is to become exactly like His faith.

Faith and trust are the same.

Eph. 3:13 Therefore I ask that you do not grow weary  
because of my troubles on your behalf  
which are for your honor.

Eph. 3:14 For this reason I bend my knees  
before The Father of our Master,

**YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,  
Eph. 3:15 by Whom every family in The Heavens  
and upon earth is named,

Eph. 3:16 in order that He might give to you  
according to the abundance of His splendor,  
an empowering with miraculous power  
through His Divine Nature in the inner human being,

Eph. 3:17 The Messiah *thereby*  
dwelling in your hearts through trust,  
in order that you, being rooted and grounded in love,  
Eph. 3:18 may be able to comprehend  
with all the set apart ones  
what is the width  
and length  
and depth  
and height;  
Eph. 3:19 knowing absolutely  
the surpassing love of The Messiah,  
in order that you might be filled  
with all the fullness of **YAHWEH**.

Eph. 3:20 Now to the One Who is able  
to do exceedingly abundantly  
above everything that we ask or think,  
according to the miraculous power  
that is working in us,  
Eph. 3:21 to Him *be* honor in the assembly  
through The Messiah, **YAHUSHUA**,  
among every generation, eternity to eternity.  
Amen.

#### **Chapter 4**

Eph. 4:1 I, the prisoner of The Master,  
encourage you therefore,  
to walk worthy of the calling to which you were called,  
Eph. 4:2 with all humility and gentleness,  
with patience putting up with one another in love,  
Eph. 4:3 earnestly protecting the oneness of  
The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH** in the bond of peace;  
Eph. 4:4 one body, and one Divine Nature,  
even as you were called with the one expectation  
from your calling;  
Eph. 4:5 one Master,  
one faith,  
one baptism,  
Eph. 4:6 one Elohim  
and Father of all,  
Who is above all,  
and through all,  
and in all of you.

Who is in you?  
YAHWEH!  
It is His Divine Nature  
that is sent from Him into the being  
(the life-breathing existence)  
of every person  
who chooses to believe Him  
and trust Him  
with every fiber of their being.

Eph. 4:7 Indeed, to each one of us  
favor has been granted  
according to the measure of The Messiah's gift.  
Eph. 4:8 Consequently He says:  
*"When He ascended on high He led captivity captive,  
and gave gifts to men."*

(Psa. 68.18)

Eph. 4:9 Now this *"He ascended"*,  
what does it mean except that  
He also first descended  
into the lower sections of the earth?  
Eph. 4:10 He who descended  
is also the One who ascended  
far above all The Heavens  
in order that He might fulfill everything.

Eph. 4:11 And He Himself indeed has given  
the ambassadors,  
and the prophets,  
and the proclaimers of the good news,  
and the shepherds

and instructors,  
Eph. 4:12 for the complete preparation  
of the set apart ones for the work of ministry,  
for the structuring of the body of The Messiah,  
Eph. 4:13 until we each arrive  
at the oneness of the trust  
and of the full discernment of the Son of YAHWEH,  
to a complete man, unto a measure of maturity,  
the fullness of The Messiah,  
Eph. 4:14 in order that we might no longer be infants,  
fluctuating and carried about  
by every wind of instruction,  
by the fraud of humanity,  
by shrewdness,  
by methodical deceit,  
Eph. 4:15 but speaking the truth in love,  
may grow up in all things  
into Him Who is the head, The Messiah,  
Eph. 4:16 from Whom the whole body,  
tightly joined together  
and united by what every joint contributes,  
according to the efficiency through the measure  
of each individual portion  
is causing the growth of the body  
into the structuring of itself in love.

Eph. 4:17 This I say accordingly  
and testify in The Master,  
that you might no longer walk  
as the rest of the Gentiles walk,  
in the futility of their mind,  
Eph. 4:18 having their understanding obscured,  
being alienated from the life of YAHWEH  
through the ignorance that is in them  
because of the callousness of their heart;  
Eph. 4:19 who, being apathetic,  
have surrendered to indecency  
to work all uncleanness with avarice.

Eph. 4:20 But you have not learned  
in this manner from The Messiah,  
Eph. 4:21 if indeed you have listened to Him  
and have been taught by Him,  
just as the truth is in YAHUSHUA.  
Eph. 4:22 You have put away accordingly  
your former behavior,  
the old human nature, which has been ruined  
because of the deceitful lusts.

Eph. 4:23 Now be renovated in the nature of your mind  
Eph. 4:24 and put on the new humanity  
which according to YAHWEH  
has been created in justification and true devotion.

**hosiotēs** - piety - holiness.  
Piety refers to being completely faithful  
to the rights and requirements  
of one's relationship with YAHWEH.

We've used "devotion" to indicate this concept better.

Eph. 4:25 Consequently put away lying,  
*"Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,"*  
(Zech. 8.16)

because we are parts of one another.

Eph. 4:26 *"Be angry, yet do not offend.  
Do not let the sun go down on your wrath,"*  
(Psa. 4.4)

Eph. 4:27 neither give space to The Adversary.

Eph. 4:28 Let him who stole steal no longer,  
but instead let him work hard,  
working with *his* hands at what is good,  
in order that he might have something

to give to him who has a need.

Eph. 4:29 Let no worthless word  
proceed out of your mouth,  
but rather what is good for necessary edification  
that it might impart favor to the ones who are listening.

Eph. 4:30 And do not grieve the set apart  
Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,  
by which you have been sealed  
for the day of redemption.

Eph. 4:31 Put away from you all bitterness,  
and rage,  
and anger,  
and outcries,  
and blaspheming,  
along with all depravity.

Eph. 4:32 Indeed, be helpful to one another,  
sympathetic,  
forgiving one another  
just as **YAHWEH**, in The Messiah,  
has forgiven you.

## Chapter 5

Eph. 5:1 Therefore become imitators of **YAHWEH**,  
as beloved children.

Eph. 5:2 And walk in love  
just as The Messiah also has loved us  
and has given Himself for us,  
an offering and a sacrifice to **YAHWEH**  
as a sweet smelling fragrance.

Eph. 5:3 Also fornication and all uncleanness or avarice  
is not even to be named among you  
as is fitting for set apart ones;  
**porneia** - harlotry (including adultery and incest);  
figuratively, idolatry.

Eph. 5:4 also obscenity,  
and foolish talking,  
or vulgar jesting,  
which are not proper,  
but rather giving of thanks.

Eph. 5:5 Indeed, it has been made known to you  
that no male prostitute, morally unclean person,  
nor greedy person (who is an idolater)  
has any inheritance  
in The Kingdom of The Messiah and of **YAHWEH**.

Eph. 5:6 Let not even one  
deceive you with empty words!  
Indeed, because of these things  
the wrath of **YAHWEH** is coming  
upon the children of disbelief.

**apeitheia** - disbelief.  
From which comes apathy.

Eph. 5:7 Therefore, do not be participants with them

Eph. 5:8 because you were at one time darkness,  
but now *you are* light in The Master.  
Walk as children of light!

Eph. 5:9 Indeed, the fruit  
of The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**  
exists in every goodness, and justification, and truth.

Eph. 5:10 Test what is fully agreeable with The Master.

Eph. 5:11 And do not participate  
in the unfruitful works of obscurity  
but instead expose them

Eph. 5:12 because it is a shameful thing



even to speak of what's done by them privately.

Eph. 5:13 Now everything exposed  
is rendered apparent under the light  
because light is what makes everything apparent.

Eph. 5:14 Therefore He says:  
"Awake, you who sleep. Arise from the dead,  
and The Messiah will give you light."

(Is. 26.19, 60.1)

Eph. 5:15 Therefore, see that you walk carefully  
not as unwise, but rather as wise,

Eph. 5:16 redeeming the time  
because the days are hurtful.

Eph. 5:17 Because of this do not be unwise,  
but instead comprehend what is the desire of **YAHWEH**.

Eph. 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine  
in which is dissipation  
but instead be filled with The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,

Eph. 5:19 speaking to one another  
in psalms and hymns and non-carnal songs,  
singing and making melody in your heart to **YAHWEH**,

Eph. 5:20 giving thanks always for all things  
to The Elohim and Father

in the name of our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah,

Eph. 5:21 subordinating yourselves to one another  
in the reverence of **YAHWEH**.

**hupotasso** – to subordinate.

From roots that mean  
to arrange in order under.

A subordinate is lower in rank or position.  
They are under the authority  
of one who has a higher rank.

However, this does not imply  
one "obeys" another blindly.  
It simply means to respect their authority over you.

Eph. 5:22 Wives, subordinate yourselves  
to your own husbands as your master  
Eph. 5:23 because the husband is head of the wife,  
even as The Messiah is head of the assembly.  
He also is the deliverer of the body.

Eph. 5:24 Therefore just exactly as the assembly  
is subordinated to The Messiah,  
so the wives *are to be subordinated*  
to their own husbands in everything.

The implication is that of responding  
in love and faithfulness – voluntarily.

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives  
just as The Messiah also loved the assembly  
and gave Himself for her

Eph. 5:26 so that she has been sanctified,  
cleansed by the baptism of water through the word,

Eph. 5:27 in order that He might present her to Himself,  
as a magnificent assembly,  
having no stain, nor wrinkle,

nor any such thing,  
but on the contrary,  
that she should be set apart and without blemish.

Eph. 5:28 In this way husbands  
ought to love their own wives  
as their own bodies.

He who loves his wife loves himself.

Eph. 5:29 Indeed, no one has ever detested his own flesh,  
but rather cherishes it and broods over it,

even as The Master *does* the assembly,  
Eph. 5:30 because we are parts of His body,  
from His flesh and from His bones.

Eph. 5:31 "For this reason a man  
*is to leave his father and mother*

*and be joined to his wife,  
and the two will become one flesh.”*  
(Gen 2.24)

Eph. 5:32 This is a great mystery!  
Indeed, I am speaking concerning The Messiah  
and the assembly.

Eph. 5:33 And furthermore  
let each one of you in particular  
so love his own wife as *he loves* himself;  
and the wife *love the husband*  
in order that she reveres *her* husband.

## Chapter 6

Eph. 6:1 Children, listen attentively to your parents  
through **YAHWEH** because this is right.

Eph. 6:2 *“Honor your father and mother,”*  
which is the first teaching with a promise:

Eph. 6:3 *“that it may be well with you  
and you may live long on the earth.”*  
(Deut. 5.16)

Eph. 6:4 And fathers,  
do not provoke your children to anger,  
but rather bring them to maturity  
by The Master’s training and admonition.

Eph. 6:5 Those who *are* slaves,  
be obedient to those who are your masters  
according to the flesh, with fear and trembling,  
in sincerity of heart, as to The Messiah;

Eph. 6:6 not according to one that needs watching  
as men pleasers, but rather as slaves of The Messiah,  
performing the desire of **YAHWEH** from the heart,

Eph. 6:7 with good will doing service as to **YAHWEH**  
and not to human beings;

Eph. 6:8 understanding that whatever good anyone does  
he will receive the same from **YAHWEH**,  
whether *he is* a slave or a free person.

Eph. 6:9 And you masters, do the same things to them,  
giving up threatening,  
understanding that your own Master  
is even in The Heavens.  
And there is no partiality with Him.

Eph. 6:10 Finally, my brothers, be strong in **YAHWEH**  
and in the vigor of His power.

Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armor of **YAHWEH**  
so that you may be able to stand  
against the trickery of The Adversary.

Eph. 6:12 Indeed, we do not wrestle  
against flesh and blood,  
but rather, *we wrestle*  
against chief rulers,  
against authorities  
against the world rulers of the darkness of this age,  
against supernatural depravity in The Heavens.

Eph. 6:13 Because of this take up  
the whole armor of **YAHWEH**  
in order that you might be able to resist  
in the hurtful day,  
and having accomplished absolutely everything,  
to stand firm.

Eph. 6:14 Accordingly, stand firm  
having girded your waist with truth,  
and having put on the breastplate of justification,

Eph. 6:15 and having shod your feet  
with the preparation of the good news of peace,

Eph. 6:16 above all having taken up the shield of trust,  
with which you will be able to extinguish  
all the burning missiles of the hurtful.

Eph. 6:17 And accept the helmet of deliverance,  
and the sword of The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,  
which is the spoken word of **YAHWEH**,  
Eph. 6:18 praying at every opportunity,  
with every prayer and request  
by The Divine Nature of **YAHWEH**,  
and in these very things being alert  
with total persistence.

Also petition for all the set apart ones,  
Eph. 6:19 and for me that words are given to me  
in opening my mouth boldly  
to make known the mystery of the good news  
Eph. 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains  
so that in this I may speak boldly as I ought to speak.

Eph. 6:21 Now in order that you also  
might know about me, how I am doing,  
Tychicus, a beloved brother  
and faithful minister in The Master,  
will make everything known to you,  
Eph. 6:22 whom I have sent to you for this very purpose,  
so that you might know about us,  
and *so that* he might encourage your hearts.

Eph. 6:23 Well being to the brothers and love with trust,  
from **YAHWEH**, The Father,  
and The Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah.

Eph. 6:24 Favor be with all those who love  
our Master, **YAHUSHUA**, The Messiah, in sincerity.  
Amen.